

GOVERNMENT HAS NO CLAIM ON FUND

Will Not Audit Books of
Martyrs' Commission.

COMPTROLLER SO DECIDES

Money Appropriated as Donation When
Paid Losses Character as
Public Money.

An appropriation by Congress as a "contribution or donation" when once paid to the person or persons designated in the act loses its character as public money and the Government has nothing more to do with it.

This was the substance of the decision rendered today by the Comptroller of the Treasury in connection with the appropriation for the purpose of assisting in the erection of a monument in Brooklyn, N. Y., to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Colonial armies who perished upon British prison ships in New York harbor during the revolutionary war.

Monument to Cost \$300,000.

Congress made an appropriation of \$100,000 to this end under the public resolution of June 30, 1892, upon condition that \$100,000 additional should be raised by private subscription and public appropriation in New York State and New York City. The monument was to be erected in Fort Green Park, Brooklyn, at a cost of \$300,000, under the supervision of a commission composed of the Secretary of War, the governor of New York, and the mayor of New York City. Col. W. L. Marshall, of the Corps of Engineers, was made disbursing officer of the commission, which was duly organized and incorporated.

The conditional \$100,000 to be raised in New York was obtained after some hard work on the part of the persons interested in the movement. The Government appropriation then became available and was turned over to Colonel Marshall. As Colonel Marshall was an army officer, General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, and the Comptroller made a decision upon the question as to whether or not "the accounts of the Prison Ship Martyrs' Commission must be audited by the United States."

Comptroller Tracewell dismissed the case in the following language:

No Longer Public Money.

"The amount was appropriated as a contribution or a donation, and when once paid to the persons set out officers its character as public money."

Under this ruling disbursing officers of all enterprises which are assisted by appropriations from the United States, unless the specific act of appropriation provides for Treasury supervision, may expend the funds without any conference with Government officials.

MARRIED A MOTHER INSTEAD OF SISTER

Young Man Seeking Modification of
Divorce Alleges That He
Was Deceived.

NEW YORK, March 13.—James William Stanley asked Justice Greenbaum, of the supreme court, to modify a decree of divorce granted to his wife, Sarah Taylor Stanley, in 1900. Incidentally he made the astonishing statement that, whereas he had intended to marry his college chum's sister, he discovered that the woman who became his wife was his friend's mother.

According to the affidavits submitted to Justice Greenbaum, Stanley first met his future wife in 1893. He was at that time twenty years old. He says in the papers now on file:

"At that time, 1893, I was a student at Cooper Institute, and there I met a young man named James Dye. He was about sixteen years old. We became very friendly and he invited me to his house, where I was introduced to the plaintiff (Mrs. Stanley) as his sister. 'I called frequently and early in 1894 the plaintiff's mother suggested that I marry her daughter. She was then thirty-three years old. We were married February 14, 1894, two days after I became twenty-one years old.'"

Mr. Stanley says that after living together for a year and a half, suit was brought against him whereby his wife obtained a decree of divorce. Then he goes on to say:

"Since the decree of divorce was granted I have learned that my wife never got a divorce from her first husband, and consequently her marriage to me was illegal, as well as her divorce. I have also found out that James Dye was the son of my wife instead of being her brother."

Justice Greenbaum reserved decision.

STRIKING PRINTERS HEAR TALK FROM NEW YORKER

The striking printers were entertained this afternoon at their headquarters, 902 D street northwest, by a short talk from P. H. McCormick, president of New York Typographical Union No. 6. Mr. McCormick is here with General Organizer Sullivan to attend the copyright conference at the Congressional Library.

Mr. McCormick was pleased to learn that the printers here are confident of winning out.

At the striking printers' headquarters there is apparently no concern as to the outcome of the injunction case.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S
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regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

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FOOL OF SOCIETY STRUGGLES FOR ART

Whole Macmillan Family
Helped Him Along.

AMBITION IS REALIZED

American Boy All the Rage With the
Swell Music Lovers of
London.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Through the self-sacrifice of his entire family, Francis Rea Macmillan, a young American violinist, has become the rage of fashionable London.

Recently Lady Palmer, wife of a millionaire member of parliament, gave him an \$8,000 Stradivarius. Among the smart set he is everywhere in demand. He has been ranked with Fritz Kreisler as the foremost of the rising generation of fiddle players by Robin Legg, critic of the London Times.

But it has taken the constant efforts of five persons for more than fifteen years to place him in the rising tide of success—the devotion of his mother, father, and two brothers supplementing his own hard work.

Mother's Devotion.

Ever since Macmillan was five years old—he will be twenty-one next year, when he makes his first tour in America—his mother has devoted herself to his advancement. When he was a child she guided his studies. When he grew older she encouraged him and kept him at his arduous practice. Always, from his very birth, she wanted him to be a great musician.

It was the same with the father, Samuel M. Macmillan, formerly a prominent politician of Maryland and Springfield, Ohio. When Francis first went abroad his mother, breaking up her home and voluntarily surrendering the friendships of years, and his brother, Charles, accompanied him to London.

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HUMANE SOCIETY RE-ELECTS SNOW

For Sixth Time He Assumes
Duties of President.

NO TIME FOR CANINES

Says it Is Immoral to Cater to Dogs
and Cats With Flesh of Inno-
cent Animals.

At the annual meeting of the Washington Humane Society at the Shoreham yesterday afternoon, Chester A. Snow was re-elected president for the sixth time.

Other officers elected were: First vice president, J. B. Tupper; vice presidents, Mrs. W. E. Chandler, Mrs. A. L. Barker, Mrs. Florence Murray, Crammond Kennedy, Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith, Mrs. E. C. Halliday, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Miss H. B. Loring, and H. F. Blount; secretary, John P. Heap; treasurer, E. M. Truett.

Receives No Salary.

The Washington Humane Society is governed on other lines than those in most cities, inasmuch as the money accruing to the association is used in practical work. The president receives no salary whereas the president of the New York society receives a salary of something like \$3,000 a year.

Reports of the six agents of the society were read and showed that 22,753 examinations of animals had been made during the year. There were but twenty-five acquittals out of 1,569 prosecutions.

One of the most important subjects under discussion yesterday afternoon was the proposed law asking for an increased time during which cattle may be allowed to go without food or water. The society is acting in action with the Department of Agriculture, fighting against an increased time in an effort to have the twenty-four-hour law enforced. The subject came up in the report of Crammond Kennedy, chairman of the legislative committee. Mr. Helen Armour and Miss H. B. Loring also made reports.

President Snow's Address.

The annual address of President Snow dealt with the progress of the society and the principle for which it stands. He called attention to the fact that in five years the number of agents employed by the society had increased from three to eight, and the number of arrests and convictions for cruelty to animals had doubled.

"There are many horses not over-driven or overworked, and not beaten," said Mr. Snow, "for the reason that we are here and that our agents are abroad, that must be our greatest source, our encouragement, and our stimulation to continued effort."

Mr. Snow is very determined on the subject of dogs in cities. He says they

should be kept in the country and that 50 per cent of the dogs in Washington are wholly unnecessary and ought to be put out of the way.

No Time for Dogs.

"In my opinion," he says, "the Humane Society should continue to prosecute those guilty of cruelty to dogs and cats, just as it has prosecuted for cruelty to rats, monkeys, fowls, and fish. But I think it has too much serious and real work to do to spend time and money in fondling and coddling dogs and cats. These animals are predaacious and carnivorous, and therefore necessarily cruel. In their domesticated state they must look to man as the butcher purveyor of the flesh food of herbivorous animals. To reflecting minds, there is something repugnant, immoral and degrading in catering to dogs and cats with the flesh of the more innocent animals."

Mr. Snow, in his report, contrasted the brute and human endurance of suffering, to the strong disadvantage of the latter. "Draft animals," he said, "are about the only real sufferers from the honest labor who do not get living wages. Dumb animals suffer more and with even less excuse than men and women," and concluded the president, "their fortitude and their unresentful patience are an example and a reproach to us."

Last Symphony Proves Event of the Season

Gerick and Marteau
Heroes of Musical Oc-
casions That Will Be
Long Remembered.

What was probably Wilhelm Gerick's last appearance here as director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra must also go down in the annals of musical Washington as a triumph of art.

The concluding concert of the season in the National yesterday afternoon proved a revelation in several ways. A brilliant and cultured audience sat almost in awe as one number after the other was played with an inspiration which really surpassed in finesse of musical portrayal any other concert of the season. It seemed as though Mr. Gerick was determined that his final should leave a lasting impression, and there is no doubt it did. An acute reader of Beethoven's works, particularly of the master's earlier works, Mr. Gerick seemed to infuse his band with this same conception. He used every energy to bring out the peculiar sentiment and poetic depth of Beethoven's Second Symphony in D major.

Feature of Concert.

But the feature of the concert was the solo number, when Henri Marteau electrified his audience by his performance of the Jacques-Dalcroze violin concerto in C minor. This is a modern creation, distinctive for its ponderous technical difficulties and amazing in its daring departure from stilted rule. It was never heard here before.

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Remains to be Seen.

Pat Crowe is to be tried in Council Bluffs, and we shall see now whether he is as innocent in Iowa as he was in Nebraska.—Chicago News.

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